

**In the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for adjustment of the length of an infusion tube comprising:

    a first wall;

    a second wall;

    at least one elongate slot arranged in at least one of said walls such that an infusion tube can pass through said wall, the slot sized to have a length which is greater than or equal to a diameter of the infusion tube, said at least one slot extending from a periphery of the wall radially towards a center of the wall;

    at least one connecting element connecting said first wall to said second wall, said connecting element being secured at a distance to a peripheral circumference of the walls; and

    an inlet opening extending around the connecting element, said opening being provided by a distance between said walls in a radial distance to said connecting element, inner faces of the first and the second walls converge from the connecting element towards the inlet opening, said opening having a width (M) measured between the walls, the width M sized to allow passage of a single infusion tube through the inlet opening to allow uninterrupted fluid flow through the infusion tube.

2. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first and the second walls are identically configured bodies arranged in parallel and opposite to each other.

3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the connecting element comprises a cylindrical unit, the longitudinal axis of which is located perpendicular to the inner faces of the first and the second walls.

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the walls are, at least in the area delimiting the inlet opening, manufactured from an elastic material.

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the entire apparatus is manufactured from an elastic material.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an attachment device integrated with the first or second wall, for mounting the apparatus on a carrier face.
7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the attachment device is a clip device for mounting of the apparatus on a carrier face.
8. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the at least one slot is formed in the wall on which the attachment device for mounting the apparatus on a carrier face is arranged.
9. (Currently Amended) A method of adjusting the length of an infusion tube using an apparatus according to claim 1, the method comprising:
  - inserting the tube through an inlet opening, such that a first portion and a second portion of the tube are positioned outside the apparatus and a third portion is positioned between the walls;
  - winding at least a portion of the second portion of the tube around a connecting element; and
  - securing first and second end portions of the tube in at least one slot or the inlet opening.
10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, further comprising securing the first portion of the tube in the at least one slot, the at least one slot extending from the peripheral circumference of the one wall and towards the center of the wall.
11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, further comprising securing a free tube portion at the delimitation of the inlet opening provided at the walls.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, further comprising securing the second tube portion in the at least one slot, the at least one slot extending from the one peripheral circumference of the one wall and towards the internal area of the wall.

13. Cancelled.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the inlet opening is funnel-shaped, such that the walls diverge away from the inlet opening toward the connecting element.

15. Cancelled.

16. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the length of the slot is at least twice the diameter of the infusion tube.